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Pride month begins with a call to action

BY DANA GOLDSTEIN

Step up to the front lines in a "revolution of love," Lindsay Mann '03.5 told an audience at the 2003 Pride Month Convocation.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance's Pride Month began with energetic calls to action Wednesday night in MacMillan. The primary medium of the evening was spoken-word poetry, with students sharing their work alongside Celena Glenn, a veteran of New York's famed Nuyorican Poets Café.

"There are no spectators here," said Mann, who coordinated Pride Month. "This is a call to action."

Mann asked audience members to consider the many fronts on which the battle for equality has yet to be won — both at Brown and in the wider world.

"Brown University and the Office of Residential Life blatantly discriminate against queer students," she said, alluding to the limited amount of co-ed housing offered by the University. Mann also argued that the LGBT community should have an on-campus resource center.

Despite anti-sodomy laws in thirteen states, anti-gay activism by groups such as Westboro Baptist Church and the passage of 1998's Defense of Marriage Act, which created a federal barrier to the legalization of same-sex marriage, Mann said she is confident the LGBT fight for equality is succeeding.

When Glenn began her performance, she explained that, because she did not realize the evening was going to be a pride event, she had not brought material particularly suited to LGBT issues.

But Glenn used this to her advantage. "I'm so amped up," she said. "People are dying and the people of our country are proud of it."

"If we stay within our communities we're really just re-oppressing ourselves," Glenn said, asking that LGBT activists reach out to the women's movement, ethnic and racial equality movements and the peace movement.

"Issues pertaining to the queer community don't have to be blatantly queer on the surface to be relevant," Mann told The Herald. "We were really psyched to have (Glenn). We thought she was really incredible."

Glenn advocated for an activism consisting of personal relationships, likening attending rallies or being on a list-serve to nothing more than "buying the right shoe or buying the right coffee."

Twisting the words of commercial catchphrases and governmental rhetoric, Glenn's poems ruthlessly attacked the systems of inequality that enrich the wealthy while continuing to oppress the underprivileged.

"Believing all that you can be means realizing all that you



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Celena Glenn, a veteran of New York's Nuyorican Poet's Cafe, spoke at Wednesday night's Pride Month convocation.

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Cicilline, others voice concerns over Providence public schools

BY JEFFREY AUSTIN

Some Providence teachers spend too much class time showing movies like "Men in Black" and "xXx," and not enough actually instructing, public school students said at an education forum Wednesday.

Students, teachers, parents and other community members voiced this concern and others, during the event, which was organized by Providence Mayor David Cicilline '83.

The forum was held at Springfield Middle School and featured Cicilline, Brown President Ruth Simmons, Superintendent of Schools Melody Johnson, Providence Teachers Union President Philip DeCecco and Hope High School student Jennifer Rice.

The community expressed its opinions in nearly two hours marked by frustration and exasperation. Issues included the standards implemented by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, poor performance, the lack of parent involvement, teachers who show disrespect toward students, the unresponsiveness to students with special education needs, inadequate facilities and over-enrolled classrooms.

Discipline was one of the most prominent issues of the evening. Many parents and students said suspensions are distributed excessively and unfairly and that making students stay home from school is not effective punishment.

Auretha Brown spoke of losing her job as a server at the Brown Faculty Club due to the tardiness and absence that resulted from her child being expelled eight times from Springfield Middle School. After seven months of employment with the Faculty Club, she has had to return to welfare payments to support her family, she said. She later told The Herald she was impressed with the turnout at the event but was cautious of its impact. She said that the actions of the school administration will reflect whether the event was truly a success.

A current Brown employee, Mona Delgado spoke of the importance of outreach that involves parents and families in the schools. She criticized the practice of busing in students from far parts of the city because it made parent involvement difficult. Many parents, she said, do not even know where their child's school is. An

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Brown class of 2007 is first under need-blind admission policy

BY LINDA EVARTS

This year's new need-blind admission policy in part brought a six percent increase in the number of students receiving financial aid, according to Director of Admission Michael Goldberger.

Under the policy, applicants' financial circumstances are entirely separate from the decision-making process. Noting the increase in the percentages of students of color and financial aid recipients, he said, "it all goes along with the announcement of need-blind admissions."

But need blind's impact was minimal, Goldberger said. Under the previous policy, 90 percent of applicants were selected without consideration of their financial situation. For the remaining 10 percent of applicants, financial need was one of many factors in the decision.

Goldberger said the philosophical impact of need-blind admission was of primary importance. No longer restrained by practical concerns, admission officers were able to pursue the most able and diverse student body

possible, their goal being "to get the very best kids here and for money not to be a factor," he said.

The resulting class shows subtle increases in racial, ethnic and economic diversity. Students of color comprise 35 percent of the student body, as compared to 33 percent of the Class of 2006.

Among those admitted to the Class of 2007, 62 percent of students were offered financial aid, as compared to 56 percent the year before. The male-to-female ratio remains slightly tipped: 47 percent of those accepted are male and 53 percent female.

Brown saw an increase in applications this year as well. Applications received totaled 15,153, up from 14,612 last year. Two hundred fewer offers were extended than in previous years, with 2,258 people — or 14.9 percent of applicants — accepted. The Harvard Crimson reported today that Harvard University accepted 9.8 percent of its applicants and the Yale Daily News reported that the university accepted 11.4 percent of applicants. Acceptance rates for

other Ivies were unavailable.

Twenty-two percent of applicants who applied early decision were accepted and 13 percent who applied regular decision were accepted, Goldberger said. He said 1,400 admitted students are expected to matriculate.

Those admitted to the Class of 2007 reflected an increase in the number of students planning to pursue a bachelor of science degree. Twenty-nine percent reported interest in pursuing the sciences, compared to 27.5 percent in the Class of 2006.

Geographic distributions are largely the same as those from last year. California contributes the greatest number of admitted students with 13 percent, closely followed by New York with 12 percent and the combined input of Rhode Island and Connecticut with 9 percent. International students comprise 11 percent of those accepted.

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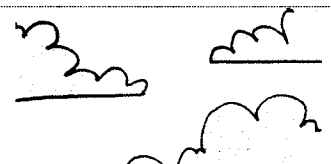
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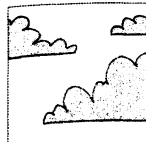
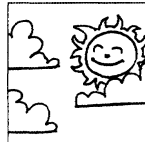


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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			
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CALENDAR

LECTURE — "Cinema/Modernity/Modernism: Realism as a Problem," Francesco Casetti, Catholic University of Milano, Modern Culture and Media. Italian Studies, 190 Hope St., 5 p.m.

CONFERENCE — "America, Inc.: The Future of American Globalization," Robert Reich, Brandeis University, Brown University and The Providence Journal, Part of the 2003 Public Affairs Conference. Salomon Center, 6:30 p.m.

LECTURE — Bill Burke, photographer will speak about his work. Room 120, List Art Center, 4 p.m.

COLLOQUIUM — "Courting Trouble: Truancy, Families and the State," Anita Iltz Garey, University of Connecticut, Center for the Study of Human Development, Room 241, CIT, noon.

THEATER — "A Soldier's Play," Rites and Reason Theatre. Churchill House, 7 p.m.

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ACROSS

- Union concern
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- House finch nesting spot
- Lash of westerns
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- Homeland of pop star Björk: Abbr.
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- Compromise
- Actress Gaynor
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- Benevolent order
- Contemporary of Helena
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- Dribble
- Artist Albrecht
- Walkman maker
- Warlike privilege
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- Ball
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- Parched
- Afternoon ritual
- Start to bite
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- Glory
- Wow
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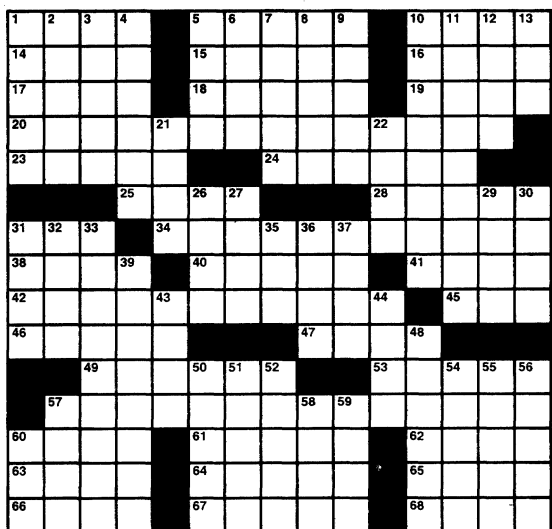
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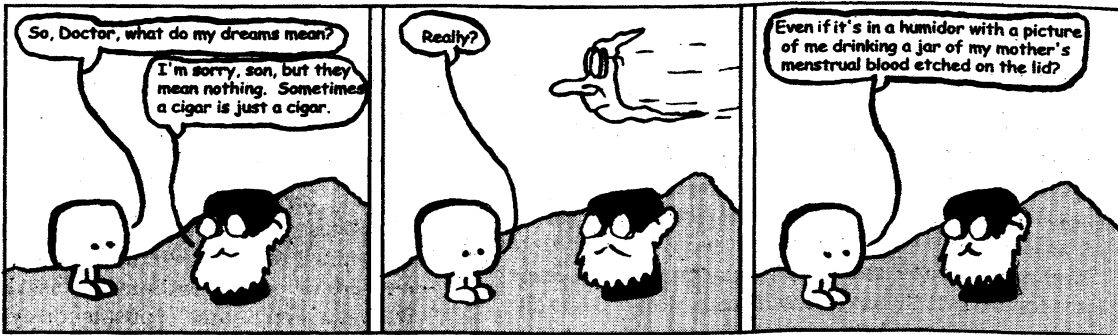
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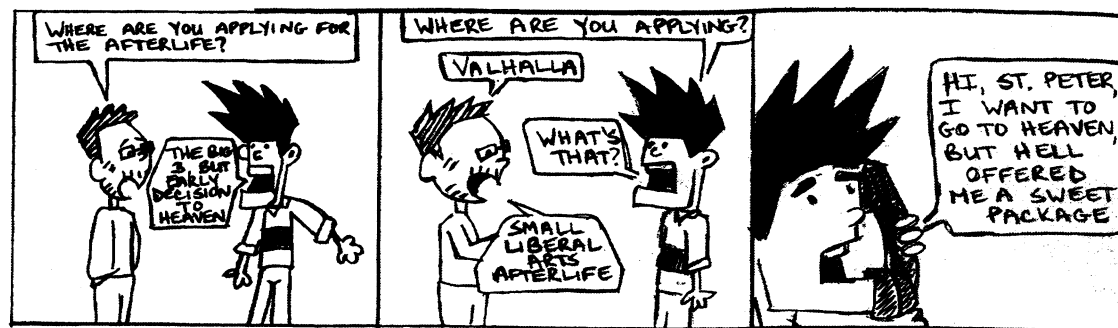
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Coup de Grace Grace Farris



My Best Effort Linda Evarts and Will Newman



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MENUS

THE RATTY

LUNCH — Vegetarian Mexican Bean Soup, Lobster Bisque, Popcorn Chicken, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Eggplant Parmesan, Sticky Rice, Zucchini, Magic Bars

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CAMPUS WATCH

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IN BRIEF

U. Florida feels sting of budget cuts

University of Florida President Charles Young and Provost David Colburn told students this week that budget cuts have measurably hurt the university's ability to provide a quality education.

Colburn said intellectual discourse is hampered by large class sizes and the loss of top faculty members because of the low salaries the university offers.

Young expressed concern that the state legislature does not fully understand the importance of higher education.

"Investment in higher education is an investment in the future of the state," he said. "Unless the state of Florida puts more money into the University of Florida and other state universities, we're going to see a downward spiral pattern."

If the state cuts the university's budget this year, the university will likely not replace 300 faculty members planning to retire, as well as any others who leave due to low salaries, Colburn said.

The university has proposed increasing tuition and allocating less money to scholarship programs.

In light of these budget constraints, student Gonzalo Frias asked Young to justify his recent salary increase.

"The justification was that I'm worth five times that amount," he joked before he said the Board of Trustees felt the salary was too low to attract a new president.

Student Body President and Trustee Nikki Fried said she supports the salary hike.

"As a board member we can't afford not to," she said.

—Julia Zuckerman, with reports from the *Independent Florida Alligator*

U. Texas budget woes may reduce courses

Austin, Texas (U-WIRE) - University of Texas-Austin students may soon find already-crowded classrooms getting even more packed due to a slimming down of section offerings in the coming semesters.

As a result of the University's tight budget, departments are bracing for possible cuts in summer and fall semester courses. Some classes may have fewer sections, while others could be canceled completely.

Nicole Evans, executive assistant in the College of Liberal Arts, said that rather than cutting classes altogether, the college will be offering fewer sections for its larger classes.

"From what I understand, the same classes will be offered, just not as many unique numbers," Evans said. "But (the changes) should accommodate the same number of

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UMass feuding with Gov. Romney

BY JAMAY LIU

A feud between Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and top officials at the University of Massachusetts about the fate of the university system's management and structure took a turn for the ugly when all five UMass chancellors withdrew from a meeting to discuss the governor's latest plan Wednesday.

Romney canceled the meeting after the chancellors refused to attend without UMass President William Bulger, whom Romney conspicuously did not invite.

"We had looked forward to having a good discussion with the leaders of the five UMass campuses," Romney spokeswoman Shawn Feddeman told the Boston Globe. "This was an opportunity for the chancellors to share their views on the governor's plan."

Bulger and Romney have been publicly feuding since Romney released his controversial reorganization proposal on Feb. 26.

Romney's plan, which Bulger has repeatedly likened to a "corporate takeover" of public higher education, is part of a campaign to save \$2 billion in "waste, inefficiency and mismanagement" to help close the state's \$3 billion deficit. The plan includes the elimination of Bulger's position and \$14 million office, plus \$100 million in higher education cuts statewide.

The restructuring plan would also partially privatize the UMass-Amherst flagship campus, privatize the UMass Medical Center and organize the remaining three UMass campuses and 22 state and community colleges into regional groups in order to streamline services and serve local economic needs. It also proposes to consolidate six of the campuses into three.

Bulger publicly denounced the plan on March 11, accusing Romney of wanting to downgrade the colleges into job training centers and criticizing him for relying on his former firm, Bain & Co., to draft the proposal without any in-depth study or consultation with UMass administrators.

John Hoey, Bulger's director of communications, told *The Herald* Romney has failed to recognize that "the university has been actually doing quite well." Hoey mentioned a letter petition by local businesses as an example of support for the existing system and widespread disapproval of Romney's plan. Romney's plan calls for collaboration between colleges and local businesses.

"We are an economic engine, and businesses want to see the university thrive," Hoey said.

Hoey said that "it's a fallacy that reorganization saves money," calling Bain & Co. inexperienced for neglecting to take into account the costs of such a dramatic restructuring and emphasizing that the university has already been working toward centralization, which would be one of the primary goals of restructuring.

"The university is actually the role model for collaborative services across the five campuses — legal services,

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financial services, payroll management and much more are all centralized," he said. "And we're always looking for ways to do more of that."

Romney's plan, which would have Peter Nessen, Romney's education advisor, oversee all public education from a new Executive Office of Education, would detract from "the academic independence of each campus," Hoey said.

"This would give the executive branch of government tremendous control over how money is spent," Hoey said. "Such a top-down, corporate control of an academic institution is unparalleled."

Hoey said the plan also makes the mistake of cutting departments that make money, such as Bulger's office, which has a significant role in earning \$20 million for the university.

Romney's representatives have been firm in maintaining that the president's office must be cut.

"That \$14 million should be going to the schools," said Jodi Charles, Romney's deputy press secretary. "Right now, there's an office in Boston that should not be there. It's true that the office is very good at raising money for the university. But the individuals working there are still getting paid by taxpayers."

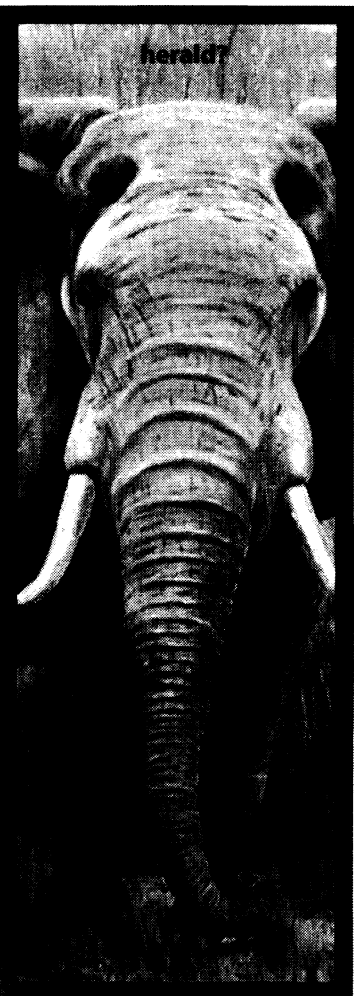
The governor is meeting separately with the presidents and chancellors of each of the schools — who are "good at knowing what needs to go" — to determine the best way to implement the \$100 million budget cuts, Charles said. The budget cuts would ultimately be distributed by school administrators after they are passed.

"This is all of us coming together," she said.

Charles also said that though making UMass-Amherst a state-funded, free-standing institution would inevitably raise tuition costs, as opponents of the proposal argue, it would allow the state to provide more financial aid and thus give everyone a chance at higher education. It would also allow the school to become a competitive research university.

Romney's proposal will be reviewed by the state legislature in May.

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Admission

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North Dakota is the only state without a representative in the Class of 2007. But Mississippi and Wyoming are close behind, with one accepted student each.

Although statistics for the admitted class remained largely the same as those of last year, Goldberger said he was uncertain about the final makeup of the Class of 2007.

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can never," she rhymed, ridiculing the idea that the poor have somehow chosen lives of poverty.

Glenn said she had been in Cuba on Sept. 11, 2001, where she had the opportunity to talk to former members of the Black Panthers living abroad. Glenn called into question the meaning of the word "terrorist," suggesting "we're the ultimate terrorists, and we terrorize our own people. ... As a poet, I feel like it's my job to be a terrorist — a neo-terrorist."

Glenn was introduced by friend and former writing student Nicole Bazelaire '06, who later performed her own poem.

Chloe Root '06 and Laura Green '05.5 also read spoken-word pieces. Root's poem focused on the struggles of four fictional LGBT youth struggling to come to terms with their sexuality. Green's longer work concentrated on the creation of the "other."

"Genetics have proven us all human, but we have chosen to ignore it," she said.

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immigrant from Norway, she also spoke of the importance of reaching out to those unfamiliar with the language and practices of the United States. Delgado works as an administrative assistant in the Italian Studies department.

Students complained of excessive discipline and of teachers using class time to watch movies rather than teach course material. Several also acknowledged that students need to take more responsibility for their education.

Cicilline blamed some of the problems of the school system on inadequate finances and urged those present to lobby the state legislature for more money. The recommendations Gov. Donald Carcieri '65 has made for the 2003-2004 budget provide no new money for the Providence schools. The rise in enrollment and in associated costs means the system faces a \$48 million shortfall if it is to provide the same basic services to all students next year.

One community member said military spending for the war in Iraq is unjust as long as our schools are under-funded. "You can't have both guns and butter," he said. "And you especially can't have guns and tax cuts and butter."

Rice, a Hope High student, suggested teachers and students sit down in focus groups more often in the future and appoint a representative to speak for them at public

forums.

Simmons was invited to the event because of her knowledge and interest in public schools, Marisa Quinn, director of community and government affairs for the University, told the Providence Journal.

Simmons spoke of her own positive experiences with teachers as a student in Texas and of the importance of mutual respect among teachers and students in a supportive community.

She was confronted with several questions and comments about Brown's financial role in the state.

"I'm glad to see the president of Brown here. I hope you brought your checkbook because it's time to start writing checks," said Rhode Island Representative and Classical High School teacher Steven Smith, in reference to the University's tax-exempt status. A junior at Feinstein High School asked Simmons if the University would create more scholarships for local students.

Simmons did not respond to the questions.

Community organizations present at the event included Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Groundwork Providence, New Urban Arts, Youth in Action and the Rhode Island Children's Crusade. The event was one in a series of public forums Cicilline is holding to deal with issues such as housing, public safety and the Providence economy. It came in the middle of the mayor's ongoing effort to visit and meet with students at every Providence high school.

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students. We are just trying to maximize space and resources."

But some students, like Maggie Bradshaw, said they think decreasing the number of available sections, thereby increasing the number of students in each section, undermines the sections' purpose.

"Discussion sections with 40 to 50 people are way too big. It's no different than a lecture," said Bradshaw, an advertising junior. "The best sections have 15 people so you can actually have class conversations."

Other departments may not be so lucky as to simply rearrange the number of students in each section.

John Ivy, chairman of the kinesiology department, said that although the fall course schedule does not reflect any changes in the department's offerings, he would not be surprised if cancellations did occur in the future.

"I'm sure we will (cut classes)," Ivy said. "What we're doing is just listing the courses right now, and if we have to cut them later on, we will."

J.B. Bird, director of media relations at the business school, said the business school, though unsure of exact cuts, will have a "substantial reduction in courses offered."

Both Ivy and Bird said the availability of certain classes in the upcoming semesters is contingent on the amount of money the Legislature allots to the university.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Two Brown students named as Truman Scholars for 2003

BY DANA AYOUB

One of the winners of the 2003 Truman Scholarship only has plans on what not to do. "I plan not to go directly to graduate school," says Adam Reich '04, a public policy major from Cambridge, Mass. He does "plan to think seriously how (he) can be the most useful in the world."

When he decides what that way is, the \$30,000 scholarship is sure to help. The award recognizes juniors who are interested in public service or a career in government. This year, 76 students from 63 universities were chosen as recipients, including two from Brown.

Reich said he would like to rethink the American juvenile justice system. A class by Professor Ross Cheit, PS 109: "Children and Public Policy," first sparked his interest in the subject.

"Adam is passionately interested in questions about the juvenile justice system and has done extensive work in the Providence community," Cheit wrote in an e-mail. It was the class discussions that inspired him and made him begin to work in the local community, Reich said.

Two years ago Reich helped start the newspaper The Hidden Truth in Rhode Island Training School, the state's juvenile correctional facility. He also volunteers at AS220's Broad Street Studio, where he works with young people transitioning out of the training facility. The magazine Muzine is published there — the "outside equivalent of The Hidden Truth. ... I work both on the inside and the outside," Reich said.

William Tucker '04 is also involved in the Providence community. A public policy and Africana studies double concentrator from Iowa

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Int'l students must complete gov't tracking form before summer travel

BY MONIQUE MENESES

International students have one more thing to take care of before they leave for the summer — filling out a new I-20 form that can track a student's travels electronically.

On Feb. 14, the U.S. government implemented a mandatory registration system for foreign students attending U.S.-based universities. According to the government, extensive travel by international students created a need for a new kind of form.

The I-20 form is a document that verifies a student's admission to an academic institution and financial ability to attend. Unlike the old I-20 form, the new one is electronic and contains a bar code providing relevant information about the student. At any point of entry within the United States, the student will be required to slide the form through a reader, at which time his name and vital information will appear on a screen, said Director of Foreign Students, Faculty and Staff Services John Eng-Wong '62.

Another difference between the old and new systems is the amount of coordination involved, he said.

"Before, our actions were totally independent of the (U.S. Department of State and Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services). Now, those systems are joined together so that whenever we put somebody's name into the computer, they should be able to see that in each port of entry," Eng-Wong said.

But electronic tracking has some international students worried.

"I've been hearing a lot of stories about international students getting detained for no reason and that makes me uneasy," said Lumina Sato '05, a Japanese student who said she had not previously heard of the new I-20 forms. "I don't have a good impression of the INS or any of the officials involved in the process."

Francisco Vranek '04, from Spain, said he thought the new forms might be more convenient for traveling, but was wary of being labeled.

"I understand that there are security concerns. However, I also feel like I'm a product — likened to a bar code in a supermarket," Vranek said.

So far, Eng-Wong said, only 75 to 100 international students out of the University's 900 have registered for the form. The process includes filling out a new I-20 form and inputting the data into a computer database of files, which will be made available to the government upon request.

"It sounds like an easy thing to do," he said. "But the problem is that there are between 50 to 100 data items and people aren't consistent about the way they report things."

Although the theory behind the system is that transactions, such as traveling documentation, between students and the government should be made easier because of information-sharing, Eng-Wong said the difficulty was in practice — there have been many breakdowns in the database system along the way.

Problems with security screens blocking information and inevitable coordination problems with the government database were contributing to the breakdowns, he said. As an example, he noted that during certain weekends in February and March the data link between what the colleges were putting into the system and the state department's embassies was broken.

"A lot of work still needs to be done to upgrade the system," Eng-Wong said.

Students need to be aware that the government has access to their records and of the necessity to maintain their student visas "in good order," he said. In the past, the government could not track a student down easily, but the new system allows easy discovery of students who do not maintain their visas.

"We want to share the responsibility of this with students, staff and faculty members in telling them to 'stay in good graces,'" Eng-Wong said.

The deadline for filing this with the Office of Foreign Students, Faculty & Staff Services is Aug. 1, 2003, Eng-Wong said.

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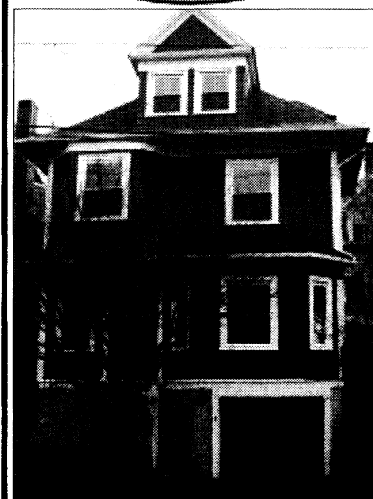
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With Holy City secure, residents cheer troops

NAJAF, Iraq (L.A. Times) — They've destroyed the local Baath Party headquarters. They're gathering up crate after crate of captured weapons. Now, U.S. forces in this southern Iraqi city revered by the world's Shiite Muslims have secured the gold-domed Ali mosque, still pristine and whole after three days of furious combat.

Residents here seemed to sense Wednesday that something fundamental had shifted in their lives and that a grave threat to their religious heritage had fallen away. Thousands poured into the streets, cheering a Humvee convoy carrying an American colonel who had just completed a delicate duet with the city's leading Shiite imam. Offering religious chants and salutes, 2,000 to 3,000 people greeted Lt. Col. Chris Hughes and his men in a scene he likened to "the liberation of Paris."

Although soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division have yet to fully seize Najaf, the city was secure enough Wednesday for the division commander, Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, to plow through the southern districts in an armored convoy — his third visit in as many days.

Iraqi paramilitary fighters who had harassed nearby U.S. supply lines last week were holed up in the city center and being pounded by Apache gunships and A-10 Warthogs as the general visited American positions.

"I think it's fair to say they're on the run," Petraeus said, dressed in a two-star helmet, flak vest and chemical suit. "They're either dead or on the run."

U.S. forces move on into Baghdad

WITH U.S. FORCES IN IRAQ, April 3 (L.A. Times) — Marines and Army infantry barreled to within sight of Baghdad's skyline Wednesday after the U.S. forces punched through one division of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard south of the capital and said they had destroyed another to the east.

As darkness fell on some of the heaviest fighting in the war, elements of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division had cleared the Karbala Gap, a dangerously narrow choke-point between Razzaza Lake and the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala. They fought forward along Route 9 to within 20 miles of Baghdad. The attack sent the top-flight Medina Division of the Republican Guard reeling into retreat in the direction of Baghdad. Units of the 3rd Infantry were heading north toward Saddam International Airport, on the southwestern edge of the city, while others rolled toward scattered parts of the outskirts.

The Marines and infantry reported heavy Iraqi casualties. But the Iraqis put up some resistance: Sources in the 3rd Infantry said an F/A-18 jet fighter was shot down early Thursday north of Karbala, and a Black Hawk helicopter was seen falling into Razzaza Lake hours later. There were conflicting reports about the fate of the crews.

The U.S. advances were significant because they brought the United States and Britain closer to the battle of Baghdad — and the fight to oust Saddam and disarming his nation.

But the breakthroughs also meant that allied forces had penetrated the "red line" that is Baghdad's defensive perimeter, where fighting is expected to be furious and U.S. commanders said Saddam might unleash chemical and biological weapons against the invaders.

About 100 miles east of Baghdad, near the city of Al Kut, units of the 1st Marine Division crossed a key bridge over the Tigris River in a fierce assault against the Baghdad Division of the Republican Guard.

By midafternoon, the Marines said they had broken the guard division as an effective fighting force and cut off its retreat.

"The Baghdad Division has been destroyed," Brig Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters at U.S. Central Command headquarters in Doha, Qatar.

The Marines gained control of Route 6, which heads westward toward Baghdad, and flanked Al Kut, sidestepping Iraqi soldiers and paramilitary fighters inside the city.

At sundown, the countryside echoed with sporadic artillery fire as the Marines mopped up the last of the Baghdad Division and halted any attempts it might make to retreat to the capital.

Cobra helicopters hovered at the horizon, attacking pockets of paramilitary fighters.

"We've blocked the door to Baghdad," declared Col. Joseph Dowdy of the Marines' 1st Regiment. He said the Baghdad Division had been rendered "isolated and irrelevant."

Dowdy said his Marines rounded up scores of Iraqi prisoners, including one identified as an officer. But he said U.S. troops were finding "more empty uniforms" than Iraqi soldiers.

As the mop-up wound down, a bumper-to-bumper convoy of heavy artillery, armored personnel carriers, tanks and troops headed north, past wheat fields, mud huts, skinny cattle and sheep.

"We're on the attack," Dowdy said. "We will continue the attack until it's over."

The Marines sidestepped Al Kut because officers decided it was too hostile and might slow them down.

They stopped cars, trucks and buses fleeing the city and sent them back into town. They searched one busload of men but found no weapons. Instead, the Marines said, most of the passengers were carrying large amounts of money, maybe their life's savings.

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Kerry trails Edwards in early Democratic fundraising

WASHINGTON (L.A. Times) — In a surprise, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts reported Wednesday that his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination raised slightly less money through the year's first quarter than rival Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

Kerry announced that as of March 31, he had collected an estimated \$7 million. That put him slightly behind the \$7.4 million Edwards announced as his estimated first-quarter total on Tuesday.

The difference was small, but could have an impact on the psychology of the Democratic race. In the last few months, much of the party and the media has viewed Kerry as the provisional front-runner. But as a tangible measure of the candidates' strength, the fund-raising totals might somewhat slow that tendency.

Kerry emerged "if not head and shoulders above everybody else, at least a forehead above everyone else," said Stuart Rothenberg, publisher of an independent political newsletter. "These numbers do raise some questions about whether Kerry was prematurely assigned the position of early front-runner."

Two other Democratic presidential contenders reporting receipts on Wednesday lagged significantly behind Edwards and Kerry. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean announced that he had collected more than \$2.6 million. Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut reported that he had raised about \$3 million.

In the political community, Dean's figure was viewed as a promising sign because it easily exceeded the initial expectations for the little-known candidate. Dean's strong criticism of President Bush's policy toward

Iraq has been gaining him support — and money — within liberal Democratic circles.

Lieberman's total was generally considered a disappointment, in part because he enjoys high national name recognition after serving as Al Gore's running mate in the 2000 presidential race. He also is popular in Jewish communities around the country, a reliable fund-raising source for Democrats.

Lieberman's backers said his fund-raising during the first quarter was hampered because his candidacy was delayed last year by his pledge not to run for the 2004 presidential nomination if Gore did. Gore removed himself from the race in mid-December.

Aides to Lieberman also noted that his fund-raising pace greatly accelerated in March, when he collected more than two-thirds of his total.



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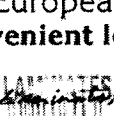
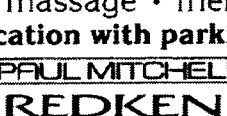
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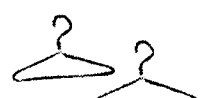
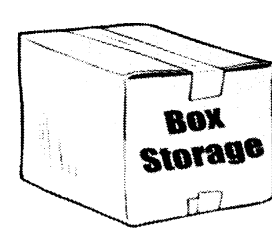
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Davis blasts tobacco companies' lawsuit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (L.A. Times) — Praising California's aggressive anti-smoking advertisements as a model for the United States, Gov. Gray Davis condemned two leading tobacco companies Wednesday for filing a federal lawsuit to stop the campaign because it is too nasty.

"If big tobacco wants a fight, I say bring it on," Davis said at a Capitol news conference.

In their lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Sacramento federal court, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Lorillard Tobacco Co. accused California of violating their constitutional rights by using industry-funded advertisements to vilify tobacco companies and poison the minds of potential jurors in smoking-related cases.

"What this campaign does is vilifies and attacks — at a very nasty, low, personal level — the tobacco industry," said Daniel W. Donahue, senior vice president and deputy general counsel for Reynolds, the second-largest U.S. tobacco company, based in Winston-Salem, N.C. "We have no opportunity to respond to that because you have the full weight of the state of California behind these untrue and false messages."

The lawsuit is the latest legal counterattack by the tobacco industry in the face of increasingly negative anti-smoking advertisements and restrictive laws around the country.

The plaintiffs are asking for an injunction to prevent the state from running the ads.

"We don't want any money," Donahue said in a telephone interview. "We want an ad campaign that speaks to the health issues."

Davis acknowledged that the campaign is "hard-hitting" but defended the billboards and print and broadcast advertisements as fair and highly effective.

"Our response is we stand behind the ads," said Davis. "They work."

State health experts say that per capita tobacco consumption in California has declined by more than 60 percent from 2000 to 2002 and that Golden State smokers consume less than half the national average. Anti-smoking activists attribute both decreases to the advertising campaign.

Only about 16 percent of Californians smoke, down from 22 percent before the state started running anti-smoking ads in the late 1980s, said Davis.

The ads are produced by California's Department of Health Services and are paid for by a 25-cent-per-pack state tax on cigarettes.

Reynolds and Lorillard contend the state advertisements are violating the specified purposes of the 25-cent tax, which was approved by California voters in 1988 as Proposition 99. Reynolds and Lorillard are among the contributors to the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund, which was established by the 1988 ballot initiative.

One of the six accounts within the fund is the Health Education Account, which was created to fund "programs for the prevention and reduction of tobacco use, primarily among children,

through school and community health education programs."

One of the advertisements that the companies cite in their suit is a 30-second television spot titled "Testifiers," in which actors portraying tobacco executives are seen lying to questioners in regulatory hearings and media interviews. The ad ends with a box that appears on the screen, designed to look like the federally mandated warning label on a pack of cigarettes, with the message: "WARNING: Some people will say anything to sell cigarettes."

The companies allege the state is violating their First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution by forcing tobacco companies to pay for a campaign that is designed to destroy their reputation. They further contend that the state is denying their constitutional right to a fair trial by prejudicing jurors against tobacco companies.

Powell secures agreement from Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (L.A. Times) — Turkey agreed Wednesday to open its territory to shipments of fuel, food, water and medicine for American soldiers in Iraq and to flights evacuating their wounded — but not the passage of weapons or troops.

In turn, U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell promised Turkey an "important role" in rebuilding Iraq after the war and said Turkey's new commitment to the war effort could help overcome congressional opposition to \$1 billion in proposed American aid.

But Powell's hastily arranged visit to the Turkish capital, aimed at mending a deep rift between two longtime NATO allies over the war, fell short of winning what U.S. officials most wanted: a firm guarantee that Turkish troops will not invade northern Iraq and clash with America's Kurdish allies there.

Instead, Turkish leaders promised to try to coordinate any military moves with American commanders, and the two sides

agreed on a set of "early warning" signals that would prompt discussion about whether Turkish troops should intervene.

Repairing relations has become an urgent priority for leaders of both countries. With anger over the war rising in the Islamic world, Washington cannot afford to alienate a Muslim ally on Iraq's border. And Turkey, emerging from its worst recession in half a century, desperately needs American aid.

The help Turkey promised Wednesday is far more modest than what the Bush administration first sought — permission to deploy 62,000 U.S. troops through Turkey to attack Baghdad from the north. The parliament's rejection of that request on March 1 sent U.S.-Turkish relations to their lowest point in decades and forced the United States to reroute the Fourth Infantry Division into Iraq from the south. The unit has not entered combat yet, two weeks after the beginning of the war.

Turkish leaders, elected only

last November, have complained bitterly that the administration lobbied them too aggressively, demanded more than they could deliver and misread the depth of antiwar sentiment here. It was only after the war began that Turkey opened its airspace for U.S. air strikes on Iraq, becoming the last NATO country to do so. But the Turks still refused to allow U.S. warplanes to use bases on their territory for combat missions as they had in the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The denial of Turkish territory as a base for military operations — especially for the 4th Infantry's planned march into northern Iraq — struck the Bush Administration as a stinging setback. Until then, U.S. officials had viewed Turkey as the most steadfast U.S. military ally in the Muslim world.

Powell and his Turkish counterpart, Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul, took pains Wednesday to put those strains behind them and display a strategic partnership still intact.

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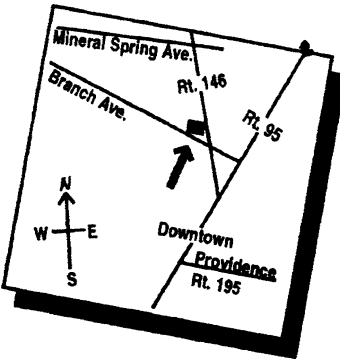
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Details emerging of W. Virginia soldier's capture and rescue

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — Pfc. Jessica Lynch, rescued Tuesday from an Iraqi hospital, fought fiercely and shot several enemy soldiers after Iraqi forces ambushed the Army's 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company, firing her weapon until she ran out of ammunition, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk, continued firing at the Iraqis even after she sustained multiple gunshot wounds and watched several other soldiers in her unit die around her in fighting. March 23, one official said. The ambush took place after a 507th convoy, supporting the advancing 3rd Infantry Division, took a wrong turn near the southern city of Nasiriyah.

"She was fighting to the death," the official said. "She did not want to be taken alive."

Lynch was also stabbed when Iraqi forces closed in on her position, the official said, noting that initial intelligence reports indi-

cated that she had been stabbed to death. No official gave any indication Wednesday, however, that Lynch's wounds had been life-threatening.

Several officials cautioned that the precise sequence of events is still being determined, and that further information will emerge as Lynch is debriefed. Reports thus far are based on battlefield intelligence, they said, which comes from monitored communications and from Iraqi sources in Nasiriyah whose reliability has yet to be assessed. Pentagon officials said they had heard "rumors" of Lynch's heroics but had no confirmation.

There was no immediate indication whether Lynch's fellow soldiers killed in the ambush were among the 11 bodies found by the Special Operations commandos who rescued Lynch at Saddam Hussein Hospital in Nasiriyah. U.S. officials said that at least some of the bodies are believed to be those of U.S. servicemen.

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With soldiers at war, Jack in the Box sales slump near military bases

(L.A. Times) — With hundreds of its former patrons now dining on MREs in the Persian Gulf, San Diego-based Jack in the Box Inc. is looking for a few good customers, thanks to the war with Iraq.

Poor weather in some markets, a sluggish economy overall and troop deployments from military facilities in Southern California and elsewhere prompted the nation's fourth-largest burger chain to lower its same-store sales forecast for the fiscal second quarter. The company now anticipates that sales opened at stores at least a year will fall 4 percent, rather than the 2.3 percent to 2.7 percent drop it previously expected.

About 10 percent of the chain's nearly 1,900 restaurants are close to military facilities or border crossing points where the company operates in the West and Southwest, said spokesman Brian Luscomb.

"In the markets near military bases, business is down, and that is a direct result of the war with Iraq and the troop deployment," he said, adding that Jack in the Box began noticing a slowdown in store traffic about three weeks ago as the ranks of its prime customers — males age 18 to 34 — thinned out.

Southern California alone has sent about 70,000 U.S. Marines and Navy personnel to the Gulf, including 50,000 from the Marine Corps Base at Camp

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Pendleton in San Diego County, according to Maj. Guillermo Canedo, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Command. And Jack in the Box's border stores have suffered as auto travel has slipped — hampered by war worries, tighter security and higher gas prices, Luscomb said.

"If you look around and you see that tens of thousands of locals have been deployed and are no longer transacting business in your community, that's got to have an impact on everybody," Luscomb said.

Last month, Worldwide Restaurant Concepts Inc., the parent of the Sizzler steak house chain, said troop movements and other factors took a bite out of sales at its Pat & Oscar's restaurants, which is heavily concentrated in the San Diego area.

The 37-store Islands Restaurants chain, based in

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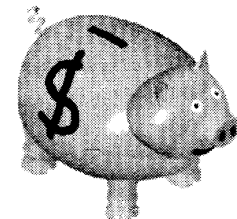


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City, Iowa, he plays a large part in the Providence Urban Debate League.

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As for his future, Tucker said he knows he wants to go back to the Midwest and work in urban centers, concentrating in education and curriculum development. He said he would like to work with recent immigrant populations and promote equality of access to education. As part of his application, he made suggestions as to how that could come about.

Part of the application asks

students to write a policy proposal. Tucker suggested departments of education offer languages other than English.

"For parents to communicate with teachers, all the forms, all the instructions, all are always in English," Tucker said. He said he believes it is a constitutional right to be able to communicate with people in languages they understand.

The policy proposal was only part of the application process. First, each had to be nominated by Brown. After that, the judging was done at the state level. Both described it as intense. "Grueling" and "self-centered," the application process is a demanding one, they said. They had to write seven or eight essays, as well as go through multiple interviews. "It involves a lot of talking about one's self," Reich said.

"Adam and Will are both deeply engaged in the connections between the University and the 'outside' world. They both have strong commitments to social justice," Cheit wrote.

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and one in the second — scored by Mucciolo, Thompson and Derkac. Chazz Woodson '05 tallied one assist on Derkac's goal.

Syracuse proceeded to score four straight goals, ending the first half with a 7-5 lead. Derkac, Mucciolo, Thompson and Woodson each added another tally in the second half. But the Orangemen took complete control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Bruno 5-1.

"Syracuse is always a great team," Nelson said. "We played well the whole game and we had a chance to win. Even though we lost, I'm proud of the guys. I really think we're starting to come together as a team and we're going to play some great lacrosse the rest of the season."

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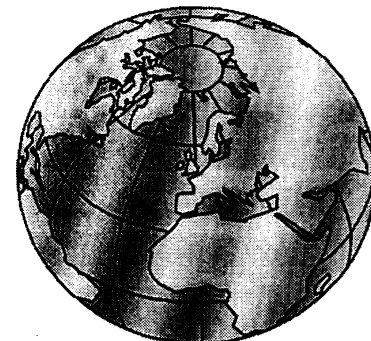
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ers follow weeks of knocking the cover off the ball with a monster slump. Sabermetrics says that this apparent streakiness is not outside of the bounds of normal statistical variation — in essence, “streaky hitters” as we think of them don't really exist. Despite this hard evidence, many insist that players can and do “get hot.”

“Forget the intangibles,” you say. “What really matters is if the real world matches up with sabermetric predictions. Will we win?” This also poses some problems for the theory. Last year's Red Sox had the fourth best team OBP in the league. Couple this with good pitching and you have a sabermetrically sound playoff team. Yet somehow, in the real world, the Red Sox missed the playoffs by six games.

Given these gripes, I still support Epstein's effort to turn the team around by using these statistical guidelines. It must be remembered that sabermetrics only aspires to be a guideline, an approximation of what we should expect to happen in reality.

It turns out that this approximation is pretty damn close. To expect any ideology to give us exact answers is nonsense. It is also worth noting that the types of players Epstein is looking to bring in aren't selfish, stat-padding guys who look to carry the team, but players who want to be a part of a team (or as recent acquisition Kevin Millar calls them, “gamers”). When the focus is on manufacturing runs, not creating them in isolated power surges, the team works more as a unit. Scrappy and team-oriented — when was the last time you associated those terms with the Red Sox?

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Sports staff writer Eric Perlmutter '06 is a sabermetrics concentrator and loves him some Nomah.

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Baseball

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Kutler, Larson, Nichols, Mitchell and Chris Contrino '05 all had two or more hits, and Contrino also added three steals.

The final stop on the Bears' southern swing was High Point for four games. Though the team lost the first doubleheader 6-4 and 6-2, it swept the second day 3-2 and 2-0.

The first day featured strong performances from Deeb and Larson at the plate, and Chris Davidson '05, McNamara and Lebowitz had good showings on the mound. The pitching on the second day finally seemed to come around, as Sam Jennings '04 and Spring threw the first win and Joel DeMaria '04.5 tossed a complete-game shutout in the second contest. Bobby Wiginton '05.5 drove in both runs in the

first game, and Mitchell drove in both on a home run in the second.

On Wednesday, the Bears hosted Vermont in their first home game of the year. They will travel to Princeton and Cornell this weekend to open up Ivy League play.

“We still have some questions,” said Head Coach Marek Drabinski. “I'm pleased with our pitching, and we started playing better defense near the end of the trip. If we can pitch and play defense we'll be in good shape.”

But offense inconsistency remains a concern, according to Drabinski, and one made more difficult by the loss of Lowe to a broken hand. Lowe, last year's team leader in RBIs, will be sidelined for at least three more weeks.

Sports staff writer Chris Hatfield '06 covers baseball. He can be reached at chatfield@browndailyherald.com.

Saltman

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Kansas will be in the championship game on Monday.

In the other game, which I actually picked to happen, two young, inexperienced teams will face off as Texas plays against Syracuse. Syracuse is led by two freshmen: Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara, who may look like J.J. Redick but is a better all-around player, as he is a very good point guard. Anthony is amazing and probably is the most talented player in the country. Unfortunately, he will most likely not be sticking around for his sophomore year, leaving to become the third pick in this year's NBA draft. If Syracuse could actually stay together, it could possibly win two championships before Anthony graduates. This year, however, is not one of those years, as Texas will break down

the vaunted 2-3 zone and beat Syracuse. Point guard T.J. Ford will not allow Texas to lose, and with James Thomas rebounding in the middle, Texas will simply be too much for the young Orangemen. Jim Boeheim will have to wait yet another year to win his first championship.

Roy Williams, however, will not. Kansas will beat Texas in the championship game, proving once again that in a time of parity, having senior leaders, along with talent, is the key to winning the championship. Williams will finally get the monkey off his back, which has plagued coaches including his UNC mentor Dean Smith. Now if only UNC could find a coach because something tells me that those two men won't be making a return trip to Chapel Hill anytime soon.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

False connections

"Coalition building" is one of activists' favorite buzzwords. Many progressive groups — both within and outside of Brown — focus efforts on strengthening ties with other ostensibly like-minded groups to initiate change by using a broader network of support. In and of itself, this doesn't seem like a bad idea. But when groups build coalitions with those that have little or nothing to do with their cause, they alienate members of their communities that hold opposing views.

Last night's Pride Month Convocation was an excellent example of this trend. Although the introductory speaker at the convocation discussed issues of direct relevance to the LGBT community, the keynote speaker, poet Celena Glenn, said she hadn't even been aware she was presenting at a pride event. So she decided to take the opportunity, she said, to discuss other issues she considered relevant to the LGBT community, such as the women's movement, racial and ethnic equality movements and the peace movement. "Issues pertaining to the queer community don't have to be blatantly queer on the surface to be relevant," event organizer Lindsay Mann '03.5 told The Herald.

Hold on. So we're assuming gay students are obviously against war in Iraq? They must naturally be interested in supporting the doctrines of other equality movements simply because of their sexual orientation? Sure, some might find all these issues fit under the umbrella of their general ideologies, but many might not. If students want to advocate for women's rights, they can go to an FMLA event. If they want to support the peace movement, they can join an anti-war demonstration. But they don't need to hear antiwar arguments at a pride event. All liberal causes are not the same.

Activist groups must reconsider what exactly they're trying to accomplish. If they want to form broad coalitions that include only members of their respective communities with relatively homogeneous views, then events such as tonight's are perfectly acceptable. But if they're interested in using their resources to build supportive environments that encompass members of their communities with diverse political and social views, most are failing miserably. It's a question of priorities — whether a group such as the LGBTA exists to work on behalf of LGBT students or to support only queer students who also happen to agree with a second preset agenda.

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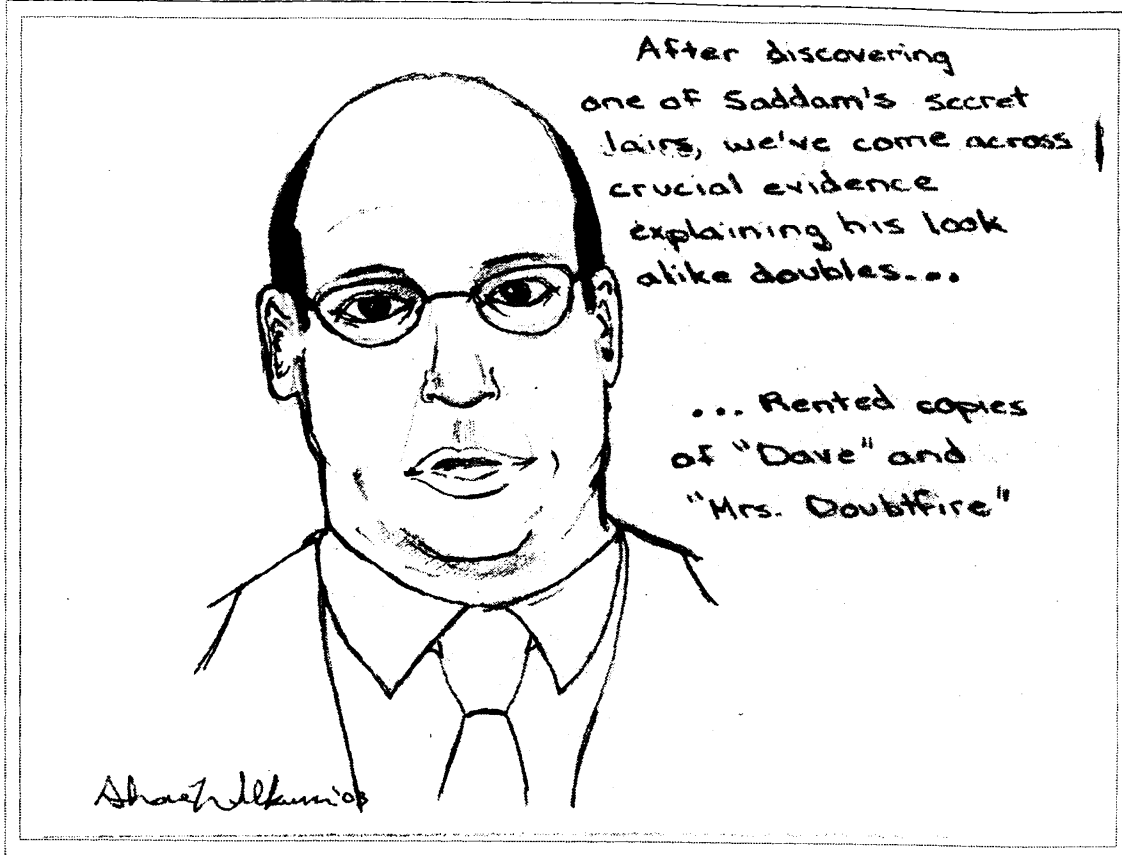
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LETTERS

Brown should be ashamed of activists' unwillingness to listen

To the Editor:

I was saddened to read about yet another "controversial" speaker being drowned out by a small group of students attending a Brown lecture ("Antiwar activists protest Richard Perle," April 1). This has been a recurrent problem throughout my affiliation with Brown, an anomalous disappointment in what I have found to be an otherwise intelligent, courteous and mature student body.

Do I fear and loathe the Bush regime? Absolutely. Do I think Mr. Perle is Satan incarnate for the role he has played in orchestrating our war-for-profit? Probably. But let's allow him to reveal this himself, let him talk and be (*intelligently*) questioned. Instead, all that the interruptions achieved was to make his opponents — and opponents of the war — look bad.

Shame on you, Brown students. You have done this day a great disservice to the peace movement, and to our University.

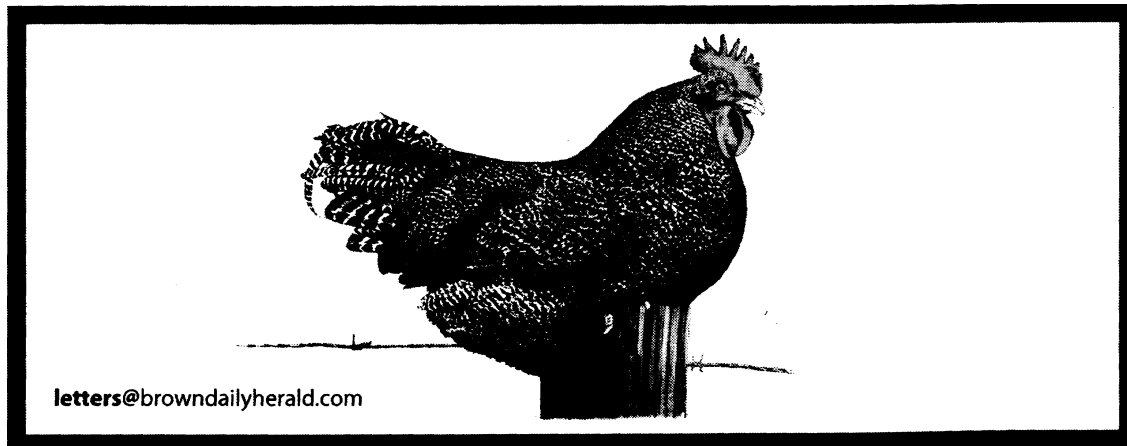
Emily Lindsey '02
 Apr. 2

Our politicians can learn from vigorous British debate style

To the Editor:

Re: "Shameful display" (Apr. 1). In his talk, Dr. Kennedy bemoaned the fact that American politicians did not debate the war with the same vigor as their British counterparts. But what did the British Commons debate on the war look like? Boos, interruptions, heckling, cheers — a horror show of undignified behavior! How strange that the British, with their outrageous displays of immaturity, manage to make our own political culture look so anemic. Perhaps this lack of pusillanimous decorum actually enhances the debate?

Shaun Joseph '03
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Top 10 ways to reduce rage in America's cities

THREE SATURDAYS AGO, MY YOUNGER SISTER AND HER friend came up to visit me at Brown and take me out to see "The Phantom of the Opera." Not a bad deal. After the show (which was fantastic, I might add), I wanted to take the two of them out on the town and, since the Gala was the previous night, not much was going on. So we walked up Thayer Street to check out Max's. For a reason still not entirely clear to me, there was a line coming out of Max's that reached all the way to the entrance of East Side Pockets. After diligently waiting in the line for 10 minutes, my sister realized she had dropped her glove and had to go back. I ran back to help her look, but to no avail. We returned to our friend in line, only to be accosted by an angry bouncer who only wanted us to leave and by seven or eight guys behind us in line who thought we were cutting. A shouting match ensued between all parties and myself, in which I tried to explain our situation and, after realizing that Max's certainly wasn't worth the trouble,

we turned home to the cheers of the angry young men behind us.

NICK BAYARD
BENEATH THE
BANYAN TREE

December, I felt it flooding back into my own veins the moment I returned to the United States from six months in Australia. What we must realize is that there are communities and environments where undercurrents of rage are simply not present. Why can't our cities live up to that standard? I would now like to put forth my Top Ten list of "ways to eliminate rage in the cities of America":

Lower the drinking age to 18. By decreasing enforcement at the door of bars and clubs, more effort can be put into anti-drunk driving initiatives and public transport systems. A country that sends so many people to war should at least allow all of them to have a drink. Treating young adults as if they were kids breeds an inordinate amount of rage and disillusionment.

Weekend bus trips to the countryside. Providing a means to escape rigid city life and deadlines once in a while would surely release some internal steam.

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Open music and art forums. Passersby could release some of that steam by giving a blow on the didgeridoo, a few beats on the tabla or a crank of the hurdy gurdy. If those don't do the trick, there would always be finger paint.

Increase the number of street sweepers and window washers in the work force. Now these wouldn't be your average, hooded public servants who only work from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. No sir, these would be classically-attired street urchins straight from the 1920s. They would work shifts throughout the day and, smiling, tip their hats at passersby. When they weren't working, they would be sitting on something absurd like a streetlight, munching on an apple. Every once in a while they would bust into a choreographed dance in the middle of the streets.

More fights. Now what do you mean by that, Nick? I thought we were trying to decrease rage. Well, we are. If someone has a problem with someone else, they should challenge them to a formal fight. No more bottling it all up inside. Of course, referees would have to be on call, as well as EMS personnel. On second thought, maybe this idea isn't so hot.

Combination homes/businesses. When I go into that shoe store, I want the tailor to come out from his living room and say, "Welcome to my home, my hearty! Can I fix you up with some fines slippers today? Or maybe a brand new pair of penny loafers?"

Size restrictions on automobiles. With the possible exception of the president of Columbia, no one needs a tank to drive through the main street of a city. If you insist on wasting fuel and hogging the street, don't do it in a city. Road rage provides the most striking example of seemingly normal people who become subsumed with anger for silly reasons, and massive SUVs on the road only provide fuel for this fire.

Give minority communities every possible leg up that can be offered. The practices of redlining, market steering and environmental racism are overt and obvious in many of our cities. Equality is the first step toward a more peaceful society.

Three words: Cool it, baby. The pace of life in America is so hectic that we are all forced to constantly struggle internally over whether every minute detail is in order. Ask anyone in Australia. They've got it right. Just turn the speed down. We in America too often blame ourselves for not being able to keep up, and that blame turns into blind rage. It shouldn't be that way.

Nick Bayard '04 is Strummin' to the rhythm that the drivers made.

"Lysistrata" can't bring peace

Reverse-Lysistrata is required to end war

ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE LYSISTRATA Project (see <http://www.pecosdesign.com/lys/>) have encouraged readings of that ancient Greek play by artists around the country to protest ongoing military operations in Iraq. Thinking back eight odd years to when I read it, to the best of my recollection "Lysistrata" concerns the attempt by Greek women of various city-states to join in abstaining from sex until war is renounced and peace achieved. Both in principal and in practice, the idea expressed in the play must be opposed at all costs, even those above 75 cents. Instead, we must do the exact opposite of what Aristophanes proposed.

Indeed, the policies proposed in "Lysistrata" fail on multiple levels. First, the play is very old and, as we know, all old things have been superceded by newer ideas (except for the now-old idea that things are superceded over time). Second, if ordinary women stop having sex, men's reaction won't be to give in to women's demands. Rather, they will simply buy and distribute more liquor, perhaps grain alcohol, to eliminate any pesky abstinence (and excessive cognitive capacity).

Lastly, a sex-strike such as the one Aristophanes explores would encourage a man to think like this: "Since my woman don't want to give it out, I'd be best conquerin' other nations and takin' many fine concubines," who historically have been a spoil of war.

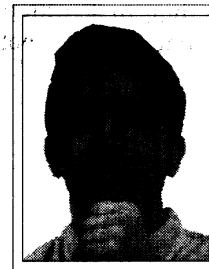
On the contrary, the best method of discouraging support for the war would be for women to threaten promiscuous sex with any passerby and/or farm animal until men took aggressive political or nonviolent civil disobedient action to

obtain a cessation of hostilities. Think about it — which would cause greater reaction to the average man: the revelation that his partner is refusing to have sex — something she probably already does to extract favors and presents — or the threat to "sleep with anything that walks"? A sex-strike is bad, but having a prostitute for a romantic partner is extremely off-putting, and the threat alone would in many cases be enough to change behavior. Moreover, increased sexual relations with men would reduce the sort of sexual frustration that leads men to project their anger and hostility on foreign nations such as Iraq.

Alongside the reverse-Lysistrata activity, the activities of the pro-Lysistrata activists must be disrupted and disturbed at all costs, as the play is in fact counterproductive. Perhaps pro-Lysistrata activists could be covertly captured and reprogrammed; some of them could be made into comfort women/men for the tired and lonely activists protesting in our nation's capital and other political centers.

As a matter of public policy, my plan would have several spillover benefits. Computer programmers, now flush with sex options, would be freed from their all-consuming task of creating the perfect virtual woman and could unleash their talents in making intelligent devices out of household appliances like dishwashers and toasters that would be identical to current models except that now they could "crash." And philosophy majors could likewise drop this cockamamie rationalization about having some "platonic idea" of beauty and join us in reality.

Together, we can build that bridge to a reverse-Lysistrata future in which war is rare and sex abundant. Or failing that, at least the latter.



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The implants don't fall far from the tree

Learning to look at the bright side of parental plastic surgery

IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE, WE ESTABLISHED THAT in Los Angeles, fat-challenged teenage girls wear a lot of strappy shoes, strappier undergarments and little else. One might expect their parents have gained clothing and maturity, but, as it turns out, all some of them have is more money and friends who can perform plastic surgery.

For Spring Break I visited my grandparents in Washington. A friend of mine went back to home sweet L.A. to discover her mother had gotten breast implants. Almost as disturbing to my friend, her mother neglected to tell her. Perhaps to Miranda (my friend's mother) her new breasts were like purchasing a new jacket — noteworthy in one's own life certainly, but not important enough to mention in casual conversation. But my friend wasn't going down without a fight. After subtly commenting, "Mom, you're so ... bouncy," and receiving nothing but cold silence served on stilettos in return, my comrade turned to an old pal of Miranda's for the deep dish.

"Oh yes," said the partner in crime, lighting her cigarette. "Miranda and I were at Joe's splitting a bottle of Botox, when Joe said, 'You know Miranda, you would look great with breast implants. I can fit you in at my two o'clock.'" I consoled my friend, who called on her cell phone as she sat in a traffic jam on the Ten freeway. "And

the worst of it is," she said, "that now Mom's not only taller and skinnier than me, she has C cup breasts that match perfectly in size."

"Don't worry," I said. "Your mom probably got breast implants so that she could look more like a 19-year-old you."

At this, my friend brightened considerably, and observed the traffic jam had gotten so bad that people were turning off their cars and letting their dogs and young children play on the center divider. So you see, in each cloud there is a silver lining. After she had sat for 15 minutes in park, I suggested she haul the beach chair out of her trunk and work on her tan. Unfortunately, traffic at that point decided to move another four feet, closing off all such possibility, but sun-bathing was still nice for her to contemplate.

Of course, not all Los Angeles mothers get breast implants. Far from it. I know one mother who wears a face mask, a giant hat, sunglasses and gloves whenever she goes outside for fear of the sun damaging her skin. Hey, it's cheaper than lasers. One thing I have learned about growing up in Los Angeles is that it is important to be an individual, whether that means placing silicon bags in your breasts, dancing during a traffic jam on the Ten or, as a grown woman, sleeping with an ancient stuffed animal on your bed. In this town, you do whatever bakes your cake. Those who inject snake venom into their faces and stuff their chests all in the same day are just multi-tasking.



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In the end,
seniors will lead
Kansas to title

HOW DID THE NCAA TOURNAMENT suddenly turn from conforming so nicely to everyone's brackets to suddenly making it so no one will win any pools this year? Going into the Elite Eight, all the number one seeds were still alive.

Although dark horses like UConn and Maryland were eliminated on Friday night, almost no one had either of those teams winning it all.

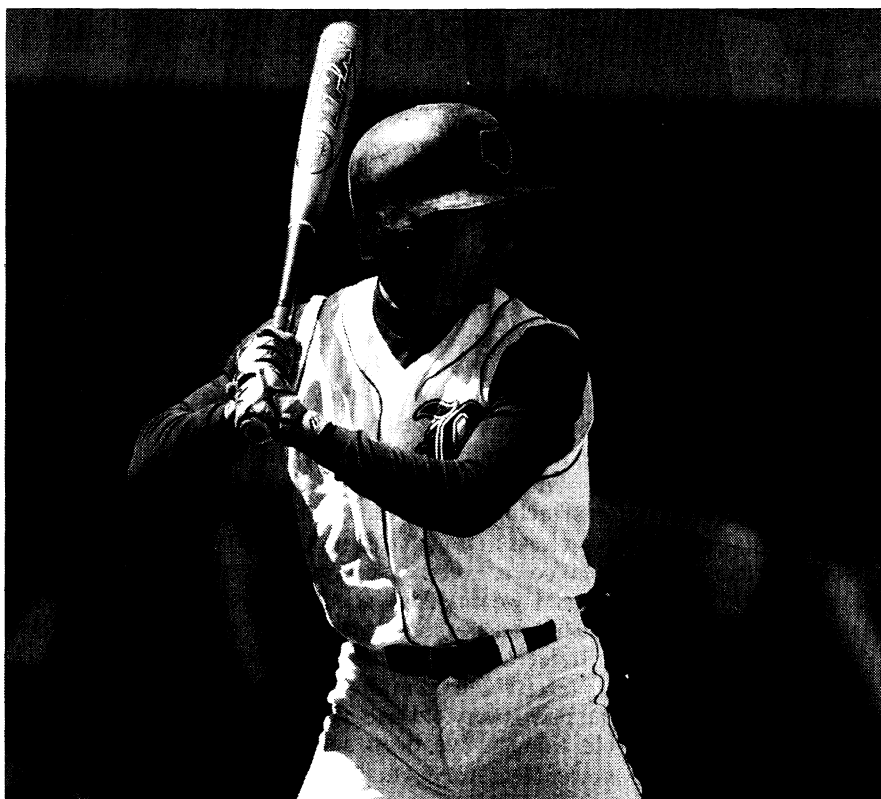
Suddenly Saturday rolled around and both Kentucky and Arizona proceeded to lose pretty

badly. Everyone's picks to win it all were no more, as it wasn't a good day to be a Wildcat fan. The single-day decimation of 80 percent of the country's pools highlights the great parity within college basketball: On any given day, almost any team can beat any other team in the country. The Kentucky basketball juggernaut and its 25-game winning streak can be dominated by a Marquette team of which many people didn't know the mascot until this weekend. (It's the Golden Eagle, in case you were wondering.)

The Arizona-Kansas game also showed how inconsistent teams are now. The talent within college basketball is so diluted — because of all the kids leaving for the NBA either directly from high school or after a year of college — that even teams based around seniors are wildly streaky. Both Arizona and Kansas are led by seniors. Kansas has the senior tandem of Collison and Hinrich, who both hail from the great state of Iowa and committed sacrilege in going to Kansas. Hinrich, perhaps the most unattractive player in the tournament, single-handedly beat Arizona with his Tim Legler-like outside shooting. Arizona also has a pair of seniors who led it to the top of the rankings for much of the year and to an amazing second half of basketball at Kansas weekend; we were all sitting pretty. Arizona and Kentucky looked tough to beat earlier this season. Luke Walton and Jason Gardener, however, have been very inconsistent down the stretch for Arizona and as a result, the more consistent Jayhawk seniors won the game and are in the Final Four for the second straight year.

Among the four remaining teams, Kansas is the only one left with standout senior leadership. As many have stated, it seems as if the Jayhawks are on the Maryland blueprint: getting to a Final Four one year, losing to the eventual national champion and then coming back and winning it the next year. They are matched up against a very tough Marquette team that probably has the best player in the tournament so far in Dwayne Wade, who was not on the TV show "A Different World" as you might have thought. When I first heard about him as a freshman, I always pictured him with those flip-up sunglasses, but that is definitely not the case. Wade isn't alone, as Travis Diener is one of the best shooters in the country. In the end, though, Kansas' talent and experience will be too much for a young Marquette team and

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THE SALT'S TAKE

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The baseball team was swept by Vermont in a home doubleheader yesterday.

Basesball swings through
Virginia for Spring Break

BY CHRIS HATFIELD

After a rough road trip over Spring Break, the baseball team hopes to bounce back in time for Ivy League play. Over the 10-day break, the Bears played 12 games and came away with four wins, bringing their season record to 5-13-1.

Bruno's first four games were at Old Dominion University. The Bears dropped the first two games 8-0 and 9-2, pulled out a win in the third game 11-8 and then dropped the final game 10-3. At the plate, James Lowe '05 had a strong performance, highlighted by a grand slam in the win. Jeff Nichols '05, Cameron Mitchell '05 and Tri-Captain Bobby Deeb '04 also had good weekends offensively, and Justin Lebowitz '03 picked up the win in relief.

After Virginia, the Bears headed to

Campbell, where they lost a heartbreaker in extra innings, 7-6. Deeb, Tri-Captain Matt Kutler '04, Lowe and Paul Christian '06 all had multi-hit games in the loss, and Shaun McNamara '06 and Tri-Captain Dan Spring '03 pitched well in relief.

The Bears then rolled down to South Carolina to play 28th-ranked Coastal Carolina. Brown dropped both games, 6-1 and 14-8. Though the offense seemed weak in the first game, Kutler, Nichols, Eric Larson '06 and John Magaletti '04 all had multiple hits in the second game.

Brown finally pulled out a win the following day against North Carolina A&T. Spring picked up the win in this one, holding the Aggies hitless in the final three innings of the extra-inning game.

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Men's lacrosse plays well, still
drop three straight games

BY DANIEL MURRAY

Spring Break was no party for the men's lacrosse team. The squad suffered three losses last week at the hands of Loyola, Fairfield and Syracuse.

On March 22, Brown faced off against Loyola in Baltimore, Md. Jon Thompson '03 led the team with two goals and three assists. Chris Mucciolo '05 scored 10 seconds into the game and added another goal in the second half, and also had two assists. Freshmen Will McGettigan '06 and Kyle Wailes '06 also notched one goal apiece.

"We played tough all game," said Head Coach Scott Nelson. "We just couldn't pull it off. Thompson is playing well as usual. And I was glad to see Mucciolo stepping it up as well."

Rich Tuohey '04 also added two goals and an assist in the Bears' third loss of the season.

Brown hosted rival Fairfield Stags at Stevenson Field on March 26. The Bears lost with 16 seconds left in regulation play on a goal by Stags junior Rory McCarthy.

Brown had led the game early on with three goals by Britton Derkac '05, Thompson and Mucciolo. By the end of the half, Thompson added another one, increasing Brown's lead to 4-2.

Mucciolo, Thompson and McGettigan each added another goal in the second half. But, Brown's lead was shortened on a goal from native Rhode Islander Sean Flynn. Fairfield sealed the victory after McCarthy scored his third, fourth and fifth goals of the game.

Michael Levin '04 made 11 saves in goal despite the 8-7 loss.

"We had the chance to win, but they played strongly until the end," Nelson said. "Sometimes things happen like this in lacrosse."

Brown's final destination of the week was upstate New York, where it battled with the fifth-ranked Syracuse Orangemen. Syracuse defeated the Bears 16-7 in the Carrier Dome.

Brown held the lead early with three quick goals — two in the first quarter

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Red Sox: prove
sabermetrics
are now sexy

FOR RED SOX GENERAL MANAGER THEO Epstein, it's all about the numbers. Hire sabermetrics-extraordinaire Bill James, bring in lots of relatively low-priced, stat-

friendly players and — voila — you have the 2003 Red Sox, sexier than ever.

OK, maybe there was more involved. But compared to teams past, this year's Red Sox are guided by a totally fresh approach to the game, ushered in by Epstein and his

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cronies. It is one that favors on-base percentage over RBIs and places value on the little things that only stat freaks would notice. Powerful Brian Daubach and a career .266 average? See ya. Lesser-known Jeremy Giambi, a .919 on-base plus slugging percentage in hand? Welcome to Beantown.

This sabermetrics-oriented approach has slowly been gaining ground in the baseball world for years. Last year's World Series winner, the Anaheim Angels, was guided by this sort of thinking, with players like David Eckstein assuming large roles in the team's success. Now it's in Boston, bestowed upon a team that has lacked a cohesive, motivational philosophy for years. (I don't think Dan Duquette really had a philosophy on anything.)

But do the Red Sox really need such a drastic change in atmosphere and, if so, is this it? Do the numbers tell the entire story, or is statistical methodology only a Platonic ideal? Is this just an attempt to shake things up, or does the organization truly have faith that it can run some numbers through a calculator and get a World Series as an answer?

As for the first question, it is obvious that the Red Sox have been unable to add "playoff success" to their list of accolades. The Dan Duquette era was marked by unrest and selfishness, and last year wasn't marked by much character at all. And let's not downplay the value of team spirit — it had more than a little to do with last year's 13-23 record in one-run games and exclusion from the playoffs. So the short answer to the question is that, yes, the Red Sox badly need a new attitude in the clubhouse.

Whether or not the sabermetrics-oriented approach is as valuable as the Red Sox organization boasts is less clear. To be sure, there is something very alluring about a system steeped only in numbers. Numbers don't lie, we think. At the end of the day, the game of baseball is only as real as the results that emerge from its play. Player valuations, broad trends — anything can be found by looking closely at the data. Ted Williams espoused a lighter version of this idea in his famous book "The Science of Hitting," and he was arguably the best pure hitter of all time (or perhaps not so arguably).

But those who disagree believe that the numbers don't actually encapsulate all that goes in the game. What happens to the intangibles that are sworn to exist, yet don't find a way into the calculations? For instance, everyone "knows" that hitting streaks are a major part of the game. Some players are generally consistent, while oth-

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